HOUSE BILL 2698 By McDaniel

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to the disposition of dead bodies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-4-102(a), is amended by deleting the punctuation "." after the final word of the subsection and by substituting instead the punctuation "," and by inserting the following language after such punctuation:

except those of honorably discharged veterans which shall be interred as directed by the commissioner of veterans affairs, or his representative, superseding other provisions of Sections 68-4-102-109.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-4-103(b)(1), is amended by deleting the third line of the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following: person not less than ninety-six (96) hours, and if at the end of that time no

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-4-105(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) If at any time before or after such use of the body it shall be claimed for burial by any relatives of the deceased person, at their expense, or in the case of a veteran's body, the commissioner of veterans affairs, then the institution shall surrender the body. SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-4-105, is amended by adding the following subsection (c):

(c) If at any time the institution shall elect to discontinue use of the body for the purposes prescribed in this section, the institution shall summon a funeral director to take over the body at the expense of the institution.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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